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FROM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES		CLASSIFICATION SECRET
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TAGS:	CASC:PFOR:AR:(WEEKS, James Martin)	
SUBJECT:	W/W ARREST: U.S. PRIEST, JAMES MARTIN WEEKS	
ACTION:	SECSTATE WASHDC <u>IMMEDIATE</u>	
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<p>1. Father Weeks transferred from Jefatura de Policia to Encalzado jail in Cordoba over <u>weekend</u> weekend</p> <p>2. Father Roland Nadeau, Group's Superior in Argentina visited Embassy Aug 10. He was informed of Embassy's efforts on behalf of father Weeks and expressed his appreciation.</p> <p>3. Embassy has been in daily contact with Police authorities and La Salliette Missionaries in Cordoba to <u>assure</u> assure welfare father Weeks. There have been no indications of mistreatment after arrest. However there one report father Weeks may have been manhandled at time of arrest.</p>		
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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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4. Minister Diego Medus, Chief, North American Affairs

Section, Foreign Ministry, phoned Baboff this pm and assured repeat assured that father Weeks physically unharmed and in good health.

Medus further stated that he attempting to arrange a Consular interview with father Weeks. He emphasized that such interview if granted would ~~be an "exception" and~~ be an "exception" and would not contravene GOA juridical position that access could not be granted while prisoner incomunicado.

5. We will remain in daily contact with Cordoba and continue to keep Department informed as developments OCCUR.
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